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WHEW! HOLIDAYS ARE HERE

Assembly Speakers

By Tom Howell

October 21, Lieutenant Smith of the United States Coast Guard spoke to the students about the Coast Guard Academy and the Coast Guard in general.

Lieutenant Smith, a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, first told us about its system for admission, benefits for students, and program in general. The admission of students is on a purely competitive basis, without the political ties which are prevalent in the other service academies. Students are selected for academic excellence, and the main criterion for this is the score on the December seventh college board exam. Applications for admission to this test are ready for further screening. The further screening is however very rigorous. Out of the five thousand people who take the exam, one thousand of the top students are selected for the physical exam. Seven hundred and fifty of these fit are left after this hurdle. Then the remaining hundred and fifty are cut to four hundred after thorough interviews by officials of the academy. Out of these four hundred, two hundred and fifty are actually accepted into the school. Thus we see that the Coast Guard Academy is highly selective in its selection of students in that it selects about five percent of its applicants.

The Coast Guard Academy has many spectacular benefits for its students. In the summer before the Freshman year at the academy, each pledge takes a cruise on a Coast Guard Cutter to Bermuda. Before the sophomore year, each student takes a cruise on a sailing ship to the main ports of Europe. Upon graduation each student receives a \$5,000. in engineering and the rank of Ensign in the Coast Guard and a compulsory four year commission in the Coast Guard. Lieutenant Smith urged the seniors to "get into the race" at the academy. Many of our men may not be interested in the Coast Guard Academy and a military career. He left books in the office about the academy. He told the seniors to consider deeply a military career.

Lt. Smith then told us some of the features of the Coast Guard itself. The Coast Guard is a member of the defense department but of the treasury department. Its main duties are in peace time. It has the responsibility of maritime safety and participated in the rescue of the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm. Another main duty of the Coast Guard is the enforcement of all maritime laws on the waterways and coasts of America. In case of war the Coast Guard goes under the authority of the Navy.

The speech that Lt. Smith's speech was informative, interesting, and indeed a great benefit to the boys pondering their choice of colleges.

Spaghetti Supper

By David Buttry

The M.B.A. Ladies' Auxiliary has sponsored the spaghetti supper again this year. Our devoted mothers deserve deep appreciation for their hard work and effort toward making the supper a success. This year over 1600 people were served. The student body, inspired to work by the gift of a holiday, is not to be discounted in aiding the success of the event, as a great number of tickets were sold. The eighth grade attained the award in the junior school, and the seniors won the high school award.



Thompson Named
All City

By Frank Greenlee

De Thompson, captain of the 1963 Big Red, has been named to the All-City team in both Nashville newspapers. De, a 173 pound senior, has played four years of varsity ball here on the Hill. Starting at fullback for the past two seasons, De has been a consistent ground gainer. His forte, however, has been defense. De is undoubtedly one of the hardest hitting linebackers in the city.

Phil Husband, Big Red co-captain, was elected to the second string All-City team. A fine pass receiver and a tough defensive tackle, Phil has made quite a name for himself on the football field.

The Bell Ringer wishes to extend its congratulations to these boys for a game well played.

De Thompson, M.B.A.'s All-City fullback, signed a football grant with Vanderbilt University on Saturday, December 7. Congratulations, De!

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A Candle in
Your Window,

A Carol at

Your Door.

Support the

Fannie Battle

Day Home

Big Red Blasts Bama

On the night of February 22nd, an inspired Big Red football team took the field, sputtered, made two field goals, and finally downed fourth ranked Alabama 76-9 in the 39th annual Rose Bowl. The inside story on this victory was a secret weapon which M.B.A. had been holding out all season. This weapon was none other than "The Phantom". The Phantom, wearing a different number in each quarter so as not to be conspicuous, scored or had a hand in the bulk of the Maroons' points, ALL 76! The Phantom, playing in his first game, scored M.B.A.'s first and last touchdowns and all other in between. He ran for TD's of 96, 76, 49, 85, and 63 yards. He returned the only kick-off by Alabama 109 yards for the score, while running over every man on the field at least twice. He returned 4 punts for a total of 320 yards and one touchdown. Meanwhile the Phantoms' two teammates Ed Anderson and Phil Husband for three TD strikes, including scoring aerials of 46, 58, and 94 yards. Sandwiched in between his scoring jaunts, the Phantom kicked field goals of 61 and 78 yards and booted 16 extra points, all while blind-folded with both hands tied behind his back. The Phantom, playing all positions in the backfield, rolled up 384 yards rushing in 6 carries and 496 yards passing, completing 15 of 13 passes for the night. The Phantom was equally impressive playing defense. Playing all positions, the Phantom made 42 unassisted tackles while "Bama" only ran 42 running plays. Meanwhile, he intercepted 6 out of 5 Bama passes because one of these was overthrown.

After the game, the Phantom won the national punt, pass and kick contest sponsored by Texaco Gas. When Coach Tommy Owen was asked what he thought of the Phantom's performance, he didn't even know he was on the team, much less in the game. Coach Owen quickly added: Let's not give all the credit to the Phantom, I taught him everything he knows.

Dramatics Club to Present Our Town!

(See Next Issue)

Merry Christmas



Students and faculty (see if you can find him) whoop it up as Big Red rolls.

Letters of Commendation Winners

By Chip Baker

Recently seven members of our Senior class received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. These boys are the ones who had become semi-finalists by a few points. We would like to congratulate Russell B. Davis, William C. Fanning, William M. Hall, Webb F. Harwell, William B. Harwell, Allen D. Lenz, and Michael W. Strody on their fine showing.

Elect of Officers

By John Hutton

The election of officers for this year finds De Thompson president of the student council, and Fred Billings president of the honor council. In Tomol De Thompson is president, and Jim Ezzell is vice-president.

The year's Hi-Y Club officers include Fred Billings, president, Jim Ezzell, vice-president, De Thompson, secretary, and John Stifter, chaplain.

Under the auspices of Mrs. Campbell, the officers of the Fo- Mootie Club are president, Mike Mootie, vice-president, John Stifter, secretary-treasurer, Cliff Sobel, and program chairman, Jim Stanford.

The Fo- Mootie Club is guided by president, Allen Lenz, vice-president, Jim Ezzell, secretary, De Thompson, and treasurer, Fred Billings.

The Bell Ringer would like to congratulate these boys for their new jobs and wish them good luck in performing their duties.

In

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7th Grade News

These people were elected as officers of Mrs. Bowen's room on October 1st.

Barrett Sutton—President

Gordon Peerman—Vice-President

Barry Bancock—Secretary & Treasurer

Tom Hudson—Librarian

Dan Butler—Assistant Librarian

These people were elected as officers of Mr. Novak's room on October 1st.

George Copple—President

Bert Dale—Vice President

Lee Beaman—Secretary-Treasurer

Howard Carmichael—Librarian

Tom Barton—Assistant Librarian

These people were elected as officers of Mr. Alexander's room on October 1st.

Bill Husband—President

Mike Bramham—Vice President

Whit Clark—Secretary

Lewis Graham—Treasurer

Answers: 1. ROYAL; 2. LIMAON; 3.

DDILME; 4. ALLW; 5. BILALYR;

6. VROSUNE; 6. ERMGNIT; 7.

RM. KVANO; 7. CIMDELA

(Answers at bottom of column.)

Now for the news! If anyone has made a million dollars in the last six weeks, please notify Mr. Novak. He classifies all his conditions so badly that he is asking anyone who has made a million dollars to buy him one.

Now for the more serious news. Georgia is now fighting for Tennessee land, and I do believe that they are in court debating the question which is very unnecessary.

Demerits have been moving like wildfire through 7A, 7B and 7N. We fellows are really learning how to talk, but it isn't exactly perfect yet because a few have escaped the demerit list.

Just think of Barrett Sutton at Saturday classes; Barrett Sutton cut for track; Tyler Appel getting "S" for talking; Pope Wilson with David Ellis's chin and Earl Johnnaber getting demerits for a messy desk.

(Answers: 1. Royal; 2. Middle; 3. Wall; 4. Library; 5. Nervous; 6. Meeting; 7. Mr. Novak and 8. Demical)

Your Reporters,
Tom Barton
Denson Buttrey
Ross Perry and Tom Sharp

This is International Micky Bod Week

Eighth Grade News

Good day, poor souls of the eighth year of torture and to other fellow classmen who read these sick articles.

To start with, the Microbes, led by Charlie Nelson, tied Burton in the first game, against B.G.A., the handball team won its first victory 19-0.

Other games include beating Two Kings 24-6, losing to Christ the King 20-6, and defeating Ensor 14-6. Way to go men!

And now for some quotable quotes:

McMurphy: "My hair is naturally blonde, Mr. Gentry!"

Chrichton: "You're just cool, Cohn!"

Cohn: "You're just too cool, Chrichton!"

Nelson: "My name's not 'possum face" Byrd!"

Collins: "Once I went with a girl who was eight feet tall." Caldwell: "Branum, I can't quarterback once!"

Branson: "Sure Caldwell, my boy!"

Burton: "I drew it in math class."

Cooper: "My brother's car runs like a meatgrinder!"

Mr. Gentry: "John Parker's hair is beautiful!"

Parker: "Down with barbers!" Thompson: "I dream of running the 'Wild Mouse' at the Nationalals!"

Good-by now
A.E. Newman

Junior Class News

M.B.A. junior football team tramples Texas 69-0. In this flattening victory, Paul Callis literally "rolled" over the opposition.

Gaining 261 yards in 16 rolls, 4 string beans, 5 hamburgers, and 1 egg (rotten), Head was the only one to score.

In other action on the gridiron, many juniors have played outstanding ball. A few of these are: Tom Weaver, for his outstanding broken jaw... or... broken field running; Lee Novak, for his outstanding signal-calling; Bill Hunter, Husband, for his consistent ground gaining; and Ed Anderson, for his fine defensive end play... and Butch Hoover, who bit Cliffon Sobel in practice last week.

Congratulations to junior class officers: Lee Novak—president; Frank Stevens—vice-president; Hunter Husband, secretary; Gene Shanks, treasurer. And also to the Honor

Freshman Class News

Congratulations to Bill Beauchamp, Weaver Barksdale, and Arthur Reed, who went with the tennis team to Chattanooga. Arch Bishop holds services every day and urges everyone to attend.

Bowen announced to all his eager fans that he is going out for Freshman basketball. Extra news flash: Football star Tom Holman dressed out for his first game against Litton. Of course, he didn't get to play, but you can't beat everything.

Sam Herber, Gordon Smith, John Farnington, Jack Judd, Tom Weaver, Bob Ligon, Tom Pritchett, Phil Mayes, Bruce Tepper, Rusty Lawrence, Don Benson, George Copple

Mike Mooty, Frank Stevens, Fred Billings

John Stifler, Bill Harrell, Bill Gentry, Pat Woods, Gene Shanks, Grant Smithson, Tommy DeMoss, Frank Gorrell, Gary Moats, John Quinn

Dale Buttery, Matt Hornes, John Greenlee, Mike Brandon, Jim Braden, Rick Evans, Hank Davis, Tom Howell, Dave Condras, Rhea Sumpfer, Chip Baker, John Fort, John Hutton, Alex Nicholson

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BIG RED ENDS FOOTBALL

M.B.A. Finishes Eighth In State

Varsity Football

M.B.A. vs. West

On October 18 the Big Red journeyed to nearby West High School to pluck the Blue Jays, 39-6.

M.B.A. took the opening kickoff, and, after a few series of downs by each team, M.B.A. scored Tom Weaver's lone for the first touchdown of the game, an 81-yard run. Lee Noel carried the ball on a successful conversion attempt.

After only two minutes of second quarter play, the Big Red scored again, with Hunter Husband carrying the ball across the goal line. Tom Weaver ran by Tom Weaver for the extra point put M.B.A. ahead by 14 points. Minutes later Husband scored again, but the extra point was not good. At halftime the score was no good. At 20 to 0.

The only highlight of an otherwise uneventful third quarter was another M.B.A. touchdown scored by Pat Woods. The conversion attempt failed.

Soon afterwards Jimmy Ezell scored M.B.A.'s fifth touchdown. Again the try for the extra point was unsuccessful. About a minute later, West, placed in scoring position by a fumble, scored its only touchdown of the game with Bell carrying. Their kick for the extra point was wide. In the closing seconds of the game, M.B.A.'s Sam Herbert scored, and the conversion was good, to climax a hard-fought game by the Big Red. 39-6.

M.B.A. vs. Litton

At 8:00 P.M. on October 25 at Andrews Field, the Litton Lions kicked off to the Big Red. M.B.A. to open the 8th game of the '63 season. After three unsuccessful attempts to crack the Litton line, the Big Red dropped into punt formation. The pass from center was fumbled and Ed Anderson picked up the ball to carry it over forty yards for a touchdown. The run for the extra point was no good, and after less than 3 minutes of play, M.B.A. had its first tally. Before the first period had ended, the Red team had added another score on a long pass from Ed Anderson.

The run by Noel was good for the extra point. Although M.B.A. remained scoreless in the second period, the head-hunting defense, sparked by Hunter and Woodie Husband and De Thompson, held the Lions scoreless also. At the half the score was 7-0. The third quarter remained scoreless for both teams, but early in the 4th quarter, Phil Husband took a pass into the end zone, only to be called on a penalty. A few plays later, De Thompson took it for a 10-yard run. The try for Husband was good. Litton's only score came on a fumble which was picked up in the M.B.A. backfield for a 60 yard touchdown. The extra point kick was no good. When the final whistle blew, the scoreboard read M.B.A. 20-Litton 6.

BACK M. B. A. BASKETBALL

Right: Husband (H.) looks for another one to run over.

M.B.A. vs. Franklin

On the windswept Halloween night, the Big Red traveled to Reeb Stadium in Franklin to face outmanned Franklin. When neither team scored in the first quarter, Tom Weaver came off the bench to join with Hunter Husband in scoring two touchdowns apiece as M.B.A. thrashed stubborn Franklin 32-7. Weaver broke the 7-7 deadlock just seconds before the half when he hauled in a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Lee Noel. Scoring the first touchdown for the Big Reds was Hunter Husband with a 42-yard pass-run from quarterback Noel. One of the extra points failed. Franklin scored only once: that being set up when a Noel pass was intercepted and intercepted. A few plays later, the Rebels scored.

The second half was all M.B.A. Hunter Husband started things off with a 15-yard lateral-run for six more points. Then Weaver pulled his way over from the four yardline to give the Big Reds a substantial 25-7 lead. But this wasn't all the Maroons had in store for the Rebels. With 20 seconds left in the game, quarterback Jim Ezell threw a 41-yard pass to Woodie Husband to end the Thursday night game 32-7. Although much of the Big Red's endgame was in the air, Jim Lowenthal alone gained 73 yards on the ground. Three plays later Noel scored.

Noel was a sparkler for the Big Red, bound for the Metro Bowl. He not only scored a touchdown, but threw a 35 yarder to end Phil Husband's first period penalty and then added the clincher to Anderson in the fourth quarter. Hunter's run for 61 yards and a touchdown was a beauty as he brushed aside several Hillsboro tacklers to travel the distance. He had also set up Noel's third period tally with an end sweep for 5 yards.

He got 78 yards rushing to pace M.B.A. to a 7-2-1 regular season. The loss gave the mighty Burro Bowl bound Burros a 1-3 mark. (Continued next col.)

For the second straight year the Big Red demoralized the Maroons with the long scoring "bombs" and then unleashed in the final period for a crushing victory. November ninth's encounter yielded a hard-fought 33-7 win for the Big Red.

Junior quarterback Lee Noel fired his second touchdown pass of the game early in the fourth period, a 59 yard bulls-eye to Ed Anderson, and broke up the bruising battle. Anderson's touchdown romp put the tilt out of Hillsboro's reach (30-7) and the Burros' defense withered. In the last 2:12 of the game, Hunter Husband stormed 61 yards for a touchdown and Pat Woods returned a Burro pass 35 yards for another score in

MBA Cops Metro Bowl



Coach O. admires trophy as De and Phil look on.

J.V. Football

Father Ryan

On October 17 the M.B.A. Junior Varsity hosted a rugged Father Ryan team which had previously defeated Madison 38-0. The Big Red fought gallantly, but lost a heartbreaker in the waning moments, 6-0. Ryan's touchdown followed a blocked punt which Ryan recovered on the M.B.A. 1-yard line. After two false cracks at the line, Ryan managed to crash over for the T.D. Once again much praise must be given to the Big Red defense, which repeatedly threw Ryan for heavy losses. As soon as the J.V.'s offense begins to click, the team will roll.

Glencoe

On October 24, the M.B.A. junior Varsity travelled to Glencoe, where it lost a highly-disputed game 27-18. This was one of the Big Red's best-played games, and had it not been for a close clipping penalty, the J.V.'s would probably have won.

Glencoe drew first blood on a 21-yard scoring toss, but John Waggoner closed the gap to one point on an electrifying 75-yard run on the ensuing kickoff. After Glencoe was forced to punt, Ovalie Miller had a 40-yard end for forty yards and a touchdown, but the play was called back on a highly-disputed clipping penalty which stalled the M.B.A. drive. Eight seconds before the half, however, Jim Burge threw a 43-yard pass to Waggoner for a touchdown.

In the second half, Glencoe regained the lead on a 10-yard run. The speedy Waggoner put the Big Red back in the lead again, however, with an 80-yard punt return. This was to no avail, as Glencoe scored twice more in the last moments of the game.

A standout defensively for the Big Red was George Hastings, who harassed the Colt half-backs the whole game.

Microbe Football

On Thursday, October 31, the microbes from M.B.A. played and beat Ensworth's Tigers in a game that featured some fine running and a good defense.

Carl Cooper scored the first tally on a 10-yard run of lateral play. Bill Husband added the extra point to make it 7-0 M.B.A.

Ensworth scored when Ed Stanford ran around left end and the score became 7-6. But M.B.A. iced the game later when Charlie Nelson ran back a punt for a touchdown and then added the extra point. The final score stood 14-6.

On October 26, the seventh grade microbes defeated Cavert 22-0. In the first quarter, Barry Bunker ran around left end for the first touchdown of the game.

In the second quarter, quarterback Bert Dale passed to Gordon Tamm, making the score 13-0. The extra point was added by Bunker.

Late in the second quarter, when Cavert had used up their four downs, they decided to punt. The snap was too high and Dick Smead, a tackle for M.B.A., rushed in and pulled down the Cavert quarterback scoring a safety for M.B.A. At the half the score was 16-0. There was no scoring in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, however, Tommy Crain caught a pass and ran to the one-yard line. With just a few plays left in the game, Bill Husband bullet over for the final touchdown.



RED OPENS HOOP SEASON

Varsity

M.B.A. vs. Cohn

For M.B.A.'s first game of the 1963-64 basketball season, the Big Red, under the direction of coaches Bob Polk and John Bennett, traveled to Cohn and lost a well played game, 52-44. The team got off to a slow start and picked up as the game progressed, but was never able to fill the gap. Big Red scored 10 points in the first quarter, while Cohn had senior guard Frank Bass with twenty points. Starting forward Hunter Husband had nine points, the only M.B.A. player close to Bass. Other players for M.B.A. to break the scoring column were forward Joel Parrish with 2, centers Phil Blane (1) and Steve Trautman with 3 and 2 respectively, and guards Lee Noel with 1 and Pat Woods with 3.

M.B.A. vs. Ryan

On the Friday after the Cohn game, M.B.A. played its first home basketball game against Ryan. M.B.A. had a slow start with 4 fouls and lost 56 to 38 as Ryan was hot from the foul line. The Big Red trailed the whole game despite a well played game. Forward Rhee Sumer and guard Hunter Husband led the offense with 10 and 9 points respectively. Big Red players to score were Lee Noel (8), Phil Husband (1), Norman Carl (2), Frank Bass (3), and Steve Trautman (2).

M.B.A. vs. B.G.A.

On Friday, December 13, the Big Red of M.B.A. were defeated by a powerful B.G.A. team. M.B.A. carried the game into overtime, but Kirk Kirkpatrick's three point play at the beginning of the overtime practically clinched the game for Battle Ground. Kirkpatrick led B.G.A. with 11 points, while Frank Bass was high for M.B.A. with 16. Hunter Husband also played well for the Big Red.

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Jr. Varsity

M.B.A. vs. Cohn

On December 3, the M.B.A. Junior Varsity, under the able leadership of guidance counselor John Bennett, beat the Black Knights of Cohn 51-31. After starting slowly, the Big Red finished with a blistering attack which saw ten men contribute to the scoring. This balanced shooting was led by David Hyatt with 10 points, followed closely by Jim Burge and Tom DeMoss with 8 apiece.

M.B.A. vs. Ryan

On December 6, the M.B.A. Junior Varsity was defeated by a giant Ryan team 53-26. Although the Big Red's tallest man was smaller than the entire front line, the J.V. team held its own in the half. However, due to the fact that David Hyatt fouled out in the first half, the Ryan team literally blew the Big Red off the court in the last two periods. M.B.A. was led by Tommy DeMoss with 7 points.

Soccer

Soccer is the newest sport at M.B.A. The game was commissioned by Mr. Carter to round out our winter sport program. Don Hunt of Peabody College has been called upon to coach this year's team. He played soccer at his high school in New England and also at a college he attended. M.B.A.'s soccer team consists of 35 players, most of whom are sophomores and seniors. A soccer team consists of eleven players: a goalie, two fullbacks, three halfbacks, two wings, two insides, and a center forward. The goalie's job is to guard the goal, to keep out any attempts of scoring by the opposition. The two fullbacks are defensive men; their main purpose is to protect the goal also. The halfbacks are the runners of the team. They shuffle back and forth playing both offense and defense. The wings, insides, and center forward compose the offensive part of the team. Their position is around the midfield stripe and deep in the territory of the opposition trying to score.

Coach Hunt plans to divide the team into four intramural clubs who will play each other in a round-robin tournament. From these four teams, he will choose boys who will make up a varsity squad. Some likely opponents are Baylor and McCallie of Chattanooga and also C.M.A. and Castle Heights.

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Above—Noel jumps for two.



Below—Bass lays one up.

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Freshman Basketball

M.B.A. vs. Ryan

The Freshman basketball hopefully started basketball practice once a week before Thanksgiving. About sixty boys went out so Coach Gentry had plenty of material to choose from.

On December 3 the Little Red Frosh tangled with the visiting freshmen from Father Ryan. The game was a see-saw battle all the way with M.B.A. winning 28-25. Standouts of game for M.B.A. were Charlie Kantor and Elliot Jones (who is also playing J.V. basketball).

We are all proud, especially Coach Gentry, for this fine showing put on by the Frosh in their first game. Keep up the good work, gang.

M.B.A. vs. West

This hard fought game was not decided until the last three seconds. Elliot Jones was M.B.A.'s high point man, netting 12 points and collecting many rebounds. Bill Blane also took many off the boards. The zone defense used by M.B.A. forced West to shoot from the outside, and enabled the little Red to snatch a close one from the Baby Blue Jays.

M.B.A. vs. B.G.A.

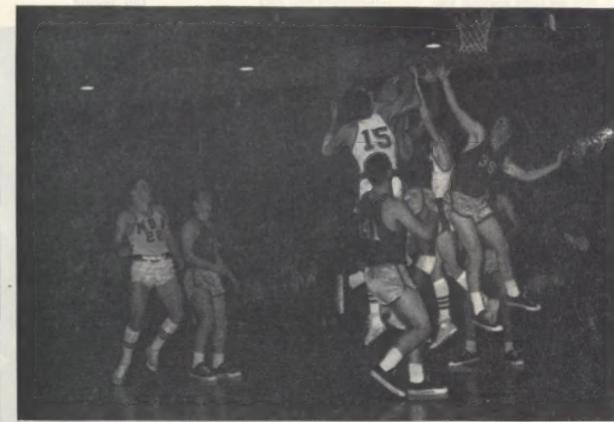
M.B.A. did not have a sizable lead until the third quarter when the Little Red pulled out in front by 14 points. Charlie Kantor was the big gun with 15, while Elliot Jones threw in 11. The zone defense was again effectively employed in crushing the kittens.

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Assembly Speakers

On November 5, Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, addressed the chapel. Gen Shultz introduced him and told the assembly that Dr. Paschall had graduated from Union University, where he received his B.A. and Doctor of Divinity degrees, and at Southern University, where he received his Doctor of Theology degree. Dr. Paschall, a colorful and excellent speaker, started his speech with a reference to baseball and the World Series. He commended baseball to us and told us some stories about it, one of which shows that baseball is a biblical game because of the passage in Genesis 1:24, "Big Land." He told us that in the game of life, first base is the religious concern with the love of God, a very important part of life. Dr. Paschall said that second base was the physical, and he urged us not to abuse our bodies. Third base was the mental; he told us that in today's world, one must be bright, and that we must prepare our minds at M.B.A. Home plate was the social aspect of life, the act of getting along with the people around us. He told us that each of these is important to our development, but by far the most important, above all else, was the most important. His illustration was that, in an important game, the batter, with a full count and the bases loaded, hit a ball that cleared the fence. He raced around the bases and as he touched home the umpire called him out. It happened that although he touched the rest of the bases, he missed first base. So it is with us, if one is good mentally, physically, and socially, yet lacks the religious standards, the Great Umpire will call him out. He ended by urging us to strive for "first base" first.

On November 12, Charles Potter, a University of Pennsylvania and M.B.A. alum, introduced Dr. Douglas Dixon, director of admissions at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Potter told us briefly about Dr. Dixon and about the expansion of the campus of this great university in the last seven years. The budget has quadrupled and forty-five new buildings have been erected. Dr. Dixon spoke to us about big universities in general and spoke about what these institutions expected from and offered to their students. He said that one's experience in any college or university depends on the facilities and the students. The facilities may have the equipment, but they also must have a superior faculty and student body to use it. Dr. Dixon reminded us that the time for enrollment in or application to colleges was creeping up for seniors, juniors, and sophomores. He then defined several points a student should look for in a school to which he applies. One of the main points was what kind of program the college offers. Dr. Dixon asked us to find the field of specific interest and select colleges not based on the list of schools. He then said that as many students change their minds, one should choose a college fairly varied in its curriculum. He told us we must discriminate between a large, medium, or small university. We must select a men's or coed college, in an urban or rural district. He said that the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia receives the benefits of being in a metropolitan area, but also gets the distractions of being in such an atmosphere. We must also consider such factors as cost, admission requirements, and location in a specific area of the country. He then urged all the students to go away from home to college so that they could learn not only from the classes but also from the environment of their study. Dr. Dixon then outlined the process of admission for an average college or university. First, of course, is the application, which should be made early. Before this, however, the college entrance exam should be taken. The most important single factor in being accepted to a college or university is one's academic record in high school. Grades, athletics, and recommendations bear the greatest weight. Along this line he mentioned that one should, if possible, take accelerated courses. Another important factor is one's program in high school; challenging courses in high school are a great step toward college admission. He ended with the concise, noteworthy statement of—do the best that you can in the best courses you can take.

On November 19, Mr. John Stuffer, ace M.B.A. student, introduced the Reverend Sidney Ellis, associate rector of Saint George's Episcopal Church. From his place of birth in England, Reverend Ellis went to Natchez, Mississippi, in 1954 and then to Nashville in 1962. He started his talk by reading a passage about wisdom from Proverbs. He then spoke about accents in England, Mississippi, and other places. Next he sang an amusing song about a very thin baby to illustrate the cockney accent in England. He then alluded to the days after the first sputnik launch, when, although all over the United States, critics of American schools and their lack of science. He said that the American schools, however, did fulfill their purpose of education, perhaps to make money with acquired knowledge, or to outshine Russia, or to find out about and make the most of God's world. Reverend Ellis next gave contrasts between the English schools he attended and the American schools today. The English have day schools which teach ages 5-14 and boarding schools ages 15-18. The classes meet two or three times a week. The subjects are many and diverse; chemistry, physics, art, choir, gym, general science, English, French, English History, and mathematics. These subjects are taught two or three times a week for eleven years. Reverend Ellis showed us that when he was in school, England was the leader of the Free World. Assuming this responsibility, many of his classmates went out into the world and became "world citizens." Then he urged us, the present leaders of the Free World, to become world citizens and therefore serve the rest of the Americas and the world. He asked us to do this not only for the Americans and the educated free world but to try to educate the now illiterate and enslaved masses of the world. And so, Reverend Ellis concluded, that through education we must go out into the world to fulfill its real purpose; to serve God.

Barry, Phi Beta at Rice

Richard Harwood Barry, Valdeatorian of the class of 1960, has been named to the Phi Beta Kappa at Rice University where he is a senior. Dick, a mathematics major, plans to enter medical school next year.

He was one of only eight students at Rice elected to the honorary scholastic fraternity. All others are Texans. They were initiated into the society on December 5.

"Why Am I Here?"

By Rodney Downey

"Self-awareness . . . has made man into an anomaly, into the freak of the universe. He is part of nature, subject to her physical laws and unable to change them, yet he transcends the rest of nature." —Erich Fromm *Man for Himself*.

Within the above quotation is the root of what is often called the human condition; the quotation does not, however, define the human condition, which is what I intend to do. To discover this definition, I must also define the human being and outline his one basic conflict, which manifests itself in man's eternal question, "Why am I here?"

Physically man is an animal—he eats, he breathes, he reproduces. However, he has one trait—only one—that expels him from the harmonious animal world: he is aware of his existence. Of course, it is often said he is different in that he can reason, grasp with his thumb and hand, walk erect; but even a monkey can do these things. Be that as it may, man is the only animal that can be bored, that can be discontented, that can envision his own end, that can wonder at his own purpose of living, that can feel his powerlessness, and that can realize his own ostracism from the animal realm. Like Adam and Eve, he has tasted of the tree of knowledge and has been expelled from Eden.

Were man merely a disembodied intellect, he would be an almost omniscient, totally rational spirit, situated within a frame of being different from the physical one of the animal kingdom. However, this is not true. He is forever chained to the world that expels him. This imprisonment of man is the dichotomy of his existence; he is a living paradox.

Rationalizing his freakishness, man has established for himself civilization, a world where he is more materially secure, but civilization is not a suitable solution to man's quest for security within the universe. He is driven to become the disembodied intellect he can never be, to become the master of nature and himself. At the same time, he, still realizing himself as an animal, seeks to be at one with nature and his fellow man. This paradoxical quest is the human condition.

The human condition will exist as long as man himself, for it is insoluble—man seeks to be both total animal and total intellect. He reaches back for a world he has left forever, and he reaches up for stars he cannot touch. In his search he becomes Odysseus, Oedipus, Abraham, Faust—the eternal wanderer, forever asking the philosophical question, "Why am I here?" His writings ceaselessly express his quest: Kino, a character in *The Pearl* by Steinbeck, lowers himself closer to the total animal by seeking to elevate himself closer to the total intellect through force; Jonah of the Bible in attempting to escape from the total intellect, God, is imprisoned within the total animal, the big fish; Thoreau's Walden advises man not to alienate himself from nature but to acknowledge himself as a part of it. Regardless how moving, these are merely discussions of man's quest, for he remains perplexed. "He is still . . . tormented by a craving for 'absoluteness,' for another kind of harmony which can lift the curse by which he was separated from nature, from his fellow man, and from himself." Man has never yet found this harmony. It seems as if his only purpose for living is to attempt to discover that harmony, regardless how futile the search.

A Soldier of Democracy

The tragic death of John F. Kennedy has shocked us all. An assassin in an act of incredible hatred and violence has destroyed in a single instant the love of millions throughout the world for a great man. President John F. Kennedy, a man of great ideas, great enthusiasm, and great devotion to duty, sought opportunity and peace for all men regardless of race or religious creed. The liberty and principles for which he fought and even died cannot die with him, but shall live forever in the hearts and minds of men. His courage in the face of danger and steadfast adherence to principle serve as a beacon to the friends of freedom throughout the world.

The assassin killed a man, but the ideals for which that man stood cannot be killed or destroyed. Instead, these ideals will live forever as a monument to freedom and the rights of man. We can be glad that in a democracy love, justice, and honor, not the bullets of an assassin, guide the course of the future.

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Forensic Tournament

On the evening of November 22, The Montgomery Bell Academy Forensic Club sponsored a forensic tournament on The Hill. Ten schools attended the affair, which consisted of two rounds of debate, and a preliminary and final round in both declamation and extemp.

Mike Mooy welcomed the group, and then introduced John Stuffer, general chairman for the evening. Members of the faculty were very instrumental in the success of the tournament. Mrs. Campbell did an excellent job as general coordinator. Mr. Poston served as debate chairman, while Mr. Edmonds and Miss Richardson handled extemp and declamation.

The affirmative debate award was shared by Maplewood and East Middle Madison, while the best negative team, Maplewood took home top honors in declamation and Linton won the extempereous speaking. This major undertaking was felt to be a success by all.

Forensic Club Banquet

The annual Forensic Club Banquet was held the evening of December 4, at the Belle Meade Buffet. Mr. Charles Galbraith, local attorney, was the guest speaker to the group and then lead a discussion on the subject of capital punishment. The banquet provided an interesting evening for all.

Howell Honored At Davidson

Joe Howell, '60, was elected Y.M.C.A. President. Davidson College students voted Joe as also serving as President of ODK, a national leadership organization. He is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges. The Bell Ringer wishes to extend its congratulations to Joe.

Prueher Wins Honors At Annapolis

Wilson Prueher, '60, has been named Second Regimental Commander at the United States Naval Academy. In addition to this great honor, he has been selected captain of the 150 pound crew and has consistently made the Superintendent's List. Congratulations to Wilson for a job well done at Annapolis!

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Personalities



The Bell Ringer expresses both honor and pride in announcing Frederic Billings as a Personality of the Month. Beyond question, he is a record truly worthy of notice.

Frederic came to M.B.A. from Woodmont in the seventh grade. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer of his seventh grade class and showed his athletic abilities in Microbe football, basketball and softball. He exhibited academic excellence by his admission to the Junior Honor Society. Fred was elected Treasurer of the Freshman Class and Honor Council Representative from his Honor Class. As a senior this year, Frederic serves as the President of the Honor Council.

Frederic has been a great asset to M.B.A. athletics, lettering in varsity track,arsity football, and wrestling. Last year, Frederic was voted the outstanding member of thearsity track team.

Frederic now serves as the President of the Hi-Y and Treasurer of the Service Club. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a member of the Alpha Chi High Fellowship. Fred is a member of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and serves there as a Sergeant-at-Arms.

In addition to these honors and accomplishments, Frederic has won the friendship of all the students of M.B.A. In this way, the Bell Ringer wishes to acknowledge a truly outstanding young man, Frederic Billings.

Rick Evans



The Bell Ringer is proud to announce that Miss Jeanette Noel has been named Personality of the Month. Jeanette's amiable personality and generosity to M.B.A. make her worthy of the honor.

Jeanette, presently a junior, came to Harpeth Hall from Woodmont School where for two years she has been on the girl's basketball team. She is a cheerleader for the Eccowasin Club of her school.

Jeanette's extracurricular interests include many sports; however, she especially enjoys swimming and track riding. She has been a counselor at Peabody Day Camp for two years and was also a counselor at her church's day camp. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church and an active member of the S.A.P. Club. She is a member of spaghetti supper waitress and is present in an M.B.A. cheerleader.

It is indeed a privilege to honor Miss Jeanette Noel—a most gracious young lady.

Gordon Smith



The Bell Ringer staff is proud to announce the selection of Mr. Frank Novak as Personality of the Month.

Mr. Novak was born in Providence, Rhode Island and attended high school in New York City. He went to college here at M.B.A. at Peabody and Vanderbilt, majoring in social studies and minoring in secondary school education. He holds B.A. and M.A. degrees.

Before he went to college, Mr. Novak spent four years in the Army Air Force, eighteen months of which he was stationed in England. After he graduated from college, he taught at Hillsboro High School in Williamson county for a year and was principal of Trinity School there for another year.

Mr. Novak has been teaching at M.B.A. since 1953. He now teaches several grades mathematics and history. His other duties include coaching Microbe baseball, seventh grade basketball, and "Junior Command" general athletics section.

Mr. Novak is married and has three children: Huie, age 4; Katy age 6; and Frank, who is a freshman at M.B.A.

In his free time, Mr. Novak enjoys reading, fishing, and watching sports. He is a deacon at the Hillsboro Church of Christ.

Mr. Novak's friendliness makes him well-liked by everyone at M.B.A. His teaching abilities fully exemplify the high faculty standards here and he is indeed a great asset to our school in all respects. It is with great pride and admiration that we salute Vernon Morehead as personality of the month.



Vernon T. Morehead, better known to everyone at M.B.A. as Tupper, has been chosen as one of our personalities this month. Since coming to M.B.A. from Palmer in the eighth grade, Tupper has been an active member of the student body in all areas. Mr. Tupper has participated in freshman football and in his sophomore year graduated to varsity football. He has also wrestled on the varsity squad since his sophomore year.

Tupper was on the Honor Council his freshman year and is a representative again this year. He was secretary of both his sophomore and junior classes. Tupper has also participated in many of the school's organizations since his sophomore year. Tupper has been a member of the Hi-Y and foreman of the Club and a member of the business staff of the Bell. He has also joined the newly formed Drama Club and in his junior year was elected to the Service Club. He also received membership in the National Honor Society.

Mr. Tupper is the president of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and of the Acolyte's Guild at St. George's Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Episcopal Young Churchmen. In recognition of his service to the school, it is with great pride that we salute Tupper Morehead as personality of the month.

Hank Davis



The Bell Ringer staff of 1963 is pleased to announce that Mrs. Ned Lentz as Teacher of the Month.

Mrs. Lentz, who graduated from Vanderbilt with B.A. and M.A. degrees, was a very prominent student on the Vanderbilt campus. She was active in many campus organizations and served as president of her sorority. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa her junior year and was awarded the Founder's Medal, which is the highest scholastic honor a student can receive, and was also chosen as the Bracelet, which is the highest honor a senior co-ed can receive.

Since her graduation Mrs. Lentz has been very active in civic organizations. She has participated in Girl Scouts, Fannie Battle Day Home, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, of which she has served as chairman of the Home Nursing Committee. She has been Chairman of Women's division of the United Givers Fund and first president of the National League of Auxiliary.

With all these activities, Mrs. Lentz still has found time to teach first year Latin at M.B.A. for the past five years. She says she enjoys teaching at M.B.A. because she is very much interested in young people.

Mrs. Lentz's husband is Chancellor Ned Lentz, Judge of the First Chancery Court. She has three children: John, a senior at Vanderbilt; Eleanor, a sophomore at Vanderbilt; and Allen, a senior at M.B.A.

Due to these many fine attributes the Bell Ringer is proud to salute Mrs. Ned Lentz, Teacher of the Month.

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